

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Jan Otto Solem, et al.  
Application No.: 10/500,188  
Filing Date: June 25, 2004  
For: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A  
COMPRESSIVE LOAD ON BODY TISSUE

Group Art Unit: 3774  
Confirmation No.: 5341  
Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2008**  
**AND**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2008, please accept the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consider the above-referenced application in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.